



## *City of El Paso – City Plan Commission Staff Report*

**Case No:** PZST17-00024  
**Application Type:** Special Permit  
**CPC Hearing Date:** October 19, 2017  
**Staff Planner:** Andrew Salloum, (915) 212-1603, salloumam@elpasotexas.gov

**Location:** 3469 Magdalena Street  
**Legal Description:** Lot 21, Block 2, Revised Map of Buena Vista Addition, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas  
**Acreage:** 0.14 acres  
**Rep District:** 8  
**Existing Zoning:** R-4 (Residential)  
**Existing Use:** Vacant  
**C/SC/SP/ZBA/LNC:** None  
**Request:** Parking spaces (serving another property)  
**Proposed Use:** Parking lot for a restaurant/bar

**Property Owner:** Rosa's Restaurant, LLC  
**Representative:** Adolpho R. Telles

### **SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USE**

**North:** R-4 (Residential) / Single-family dwellings  
**South:** C-2 (Commercial) / Rosa's Restaurant and Cantina  
**East:** R-4 (Residential) / Single-family dwellings  
**West:** R-4 (Residential) / Single-family dwellings

**PLAN EL PASO DESIGNATION:** G-3, Post-war (Northwest Planning Area)

**NEAREST PARK:** Buena Vista Park (3,548 feet)

**NEAREST SCHOOL:** Zach White Elementary (12,848 feet)

### **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS**

Buena Vista Neighborhood Association  
Upper Valley Neighborhood Association

### **NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT**

Notice of a Public Hearing was mailed to all property owners within 300 feet of the subject property on October 4, 2017. The Planning Division has not received any communication in support or opposition to the rezoning request.

### **APPLICATION DESCRIPTION**

The applicant is requesting a special permit and detailed site development plan approval to allow for a parking lot to be used by a restaurant within approximately 15 feet of the restaurant/bar location. The detailed site development plan shows 12 parking spaces being provided. Parking spaces serving another property is a permitted use in the R-4 (Residential) zone district with the approval of a special permit as per Section 20.04.260. Access to the subject property is proposed from Doniphan Drive via the alley.

### **PLANNING DIVISION RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning Division recommends **approval** of the special permit and detailed site development plan review, as it complies with Sections 20.04.260, Special Permit, and 20.04.150, Detailed Site Development Plan with the following condition:

*That tree wells with high-profile native trees of at least two-inch (2") caliper and ten (10') in height shall be placed at fifteen (15') on center along the property line adjacent to any residential zoning or use. The trees shall be irrigated and maintained by the property owner at all times and shall be installed prior to the issuance of any certificates of occupancy.*

## **ANALYSIS**

Parking spaces (serving another property) is a permitted use in R-4 (Residential) zone district with an approved Special Permit and Detailed Site Development Plan as identified by the zone district use regulations.

20.04.260 Special permits generally.

A. The City Council may by special permit after hearing and report by the city plan commission authorize the location of the uses subject to special permits identified in the district regulations.

20.04.320 Special permit approvals.

- A. Building and occupancy permits shall not be issued to any building or use identified in this title as requiring a special permit until after approval of such special permit by the city council.
- B. Building and occupancy permits shall not be issued for any building or use identified in this title as requiring an approved detailed site development plan as required by Article III, until such approval has been granted.
- C. No building or occupancy permit may be granted for the erection, rehabilitation, enlargement or demolition of any building in a designated historic area or for any building that is a designated historic landmark until prior approval has been granted by the historic landmark commission.
- D. The city council, after hearing and report by the city plan commission, may approve a special permit upon a finding that the proposed development meets the following minimum requirements necessary to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the community:
  - 1. The proposed development complies, except to the extent waived, varied or modified pursuant to the provisions of this title, with all of the standards and conditions applicable in the zoning district in which it is proposed to be located; complies with any special standards applicable to the particular type of development being proposed, or to the particular area in which the development is proposed; complies with any special approvals required in connection with such development or area;
  - 2. The proposed development is in accordance with and in furtherance of the plan for El Paso, any special neighborhood plans or policies adopted by the city regarding the development area, or any approved concept plan;
  - 3. The proposed development is adequately served by and will not impose an undue burden upon the public improvements and rights-of-way by which it will be served or benefited, or which exist or are planned for installation within its boundaries or their immediate vicinity. A traffic impact study may be required to determine the effects of the proposed development on the public rights-of-way;
  - 4. Any impacts of the proposed development on adjacent property are adequately mitigated with the design, proposed construction and phasing of the site development;
  - 5. The design of the proposed development mitigates substantial environmental problems;
  - 6. The proposed development provides adequate landscaping and/or screening where needed to reduce visibility to adjacent uses;
  - 7. The proposed development is compatible with adjacent structures and uses;
  - 8. The proposed development is not materially detrimental to the enjoyment or valuation of the property adjacent to the site.
- E. The applicant may request that the city plan commission waive one or more of the criteria based on its no applicability to the proposed development. The city plan commission, upon a recommendation of the planning official, shall make a determination on the no applicability of the criteria and shall render a finding based on such determination, and shall forward their recommendation to city council for final review and approval.

*The application meets all of the requirements for special permit.*

20.10.410 Off-street parking (serving another property).

- A. Any otherwise permitted use for which the off-street parking requirements of Chapter 20.14 are to be satisfied by off-street parking spaces on property which is located on a separate site from the property requiring the off-street parking spaces, and for which the following can be demonstrated:
1. The parking area is compatible with the general development of the neighborhood and does not adversely affect the use of adjacent properties;
  2. The parking area is so arranged as to permit sufficient space for parking spaces and turning maneuvers, as well as adequate ingress and egress to the site;
  3. Lighting shall comply with Chapter 18.18 (Dark Sky Ordinance) of this Code;
  4. The parking area is located in such a manner from the site generating the parking requirement to assure that such parking facility will adequately serve the use;
  5. Access to be provided to the parking area shall not be through private property that is not zoned to permit the use generating the off-street parking;
  6. Adequate provisions shall be made to assure that the parking area is reasonably identifiable as to the patronage it serves, the location, points of access, hours of operation and other appropriate matters made as a condition of the special permit approval;
  7. The parking spaces required to be provided for the use shall be restricted to that use;
  8. Any off-street parking spaces to be provided on the site generating the off-street parking requirement shall be used to accommodate required handicapped accessible spaces and patron parking;
  9. The parking area shall be owned or leased by the same property owner who operates the use generating the off-street parking requirement, and any leasehold interest in the parking area shall be validly held for the duration of the use.
- B. Off-street parking spaces serving another property which are located partially or totally on a separate site from the property requiring the off-street parking spaces.

*Site plan demonstrates compliance with Section 20.10.410.*

20.04.140 When required.

Except as stated herein, a detailed site development plan is required prior to development in a special purpose district or with a special permit application and may be required if a zoning condition exists on a particular piece of property. Detailed site development plans are not required for any projects for development in the Mixed Use District (RMU, GMU and IMU) or for any other projects other than those located in special purpose districts or as otherwise required herein.

*Detailed Site Development Plan review is required as part of the special permit application.*

20.04.150 Procedure.

- D. City plan commission approval. Pursuant to this Code, the city plan commission, in addition to the powers and duties identified in this chapter, shall have final authority on approval of all other detailed site development plans, unless a zoning condition, contract provision, other city code provision or state law require the detailed site development plan to be approved by city council.
1. The planning division shall make its recommendations to the city plan commission within thirty days after a complete application is submitted.
  2. The city plan commission shall hold a public hearing at its regular meeting that is within thirty days from receipt of department recommendations.
  3. The commission shall consider the following information when approving a proposed detailed site development plan: the boundaries of the tract proposed for development; location and

arrangement of structures; determine if the use conforms to applicable zoning regulations, determine if historic landmark commission approval has been granted for architectural design of all structures if located in a historic district and the design conforms to such approval; location of utility rights-of-way and easements and storm water drainage; vehicular and pedestrian ways; on-site parking areas; location of open spaces and landscape planted areas.

4. In no instance shall the city plan commission have authority to vary the yard standards applicable to the district.
5. The city plan commission shall approve the plan if it complies with all applicable code provisions.

*Planning Staff has reviewed the detailed site development plan, and it meets all requirements of Sections 20.04.320, Special Permit, and 20.04.150 Detailed Site Development Plan.*

### **Plan El Paso-Future Land Use Map Designation**

All applications for special permit shall demonstrate compliance with the following criteria:

G-3, Post-War: This sector applies to transitional neighborhoods typically developed from the 1950s through the 1980s. Streets were laid out with curvilinear patterns without alleys and shopping centers are located at major intersections behind large parking lots. This sector is generally stable but would benefit from strategic suburban retrofits to supplement the limited housing stock and add missing civic and commercial uses.

The purpose of the R-4 (Residential) district is to promote and preserve residential development within the city to create basic neighborhood units. It is intended that the district regulations maintain a low density of dwelling units supporting a suburban-urban interface that permits developments utilizing varying lot configurations. The regulations of the districts will permit primarily single-family and two-family residential areas, and recreational and institutional uses incidental to and serving the neighborhood.

*The Planning Division recommendation is based on the compatibility with the G-3, Post-War land use designation through the addition of missing commercial uses provided to surrounding neighborhoods within the area of the existing vacant lots and reducing travel and infrastructure needs.*

### **Plan El Paso - Goals & Policies**

Goal 2.2: The City of El Paso should change its growth pattern away from homogeneous land uses and return to a pattern of compact well-connected mixed-use neighborhoods.

Policy 2.2.5: The design of new neighborhoods and additions to existing neighborhoods should strive for a balance of housing, jobs, shopping, recreation, and civic uses to avoid unnecessary travel and reduce infrastructure and public services costs.

*The Planning Division recommendation is based on the addition of commercial uses and employment opportunities provided to surrounding neighborhoods within the area which is zoned for residential and commercial uses, while also reducing travel and infrastructure needs through the mix of uses proposed.*

### **COMMENTS:**

#### **Planning and Inspections Department - Planning Division - Transportation**

No objections to the special permit and detailed site development plan.

Note:

All existing / proposed paths of travel (accessible sidewalks, wheelchair access curb ramps and driveways) within public rights-of-way shall be in compliance with current ADA/TAS rules and regulations and the current City of El Paso Design Standards for Construction.

### **Street and Maintenance Department**

For the alley access that it shall be paved to DSC standards, from the limits of Hillside Drive to the most westerly property boundary of the 3467 Magdalena Avenue.

### **Planning and Inspections Department – Building and Development Permitting**

No objections to proposed special permit.

As provided the required landscape area is provided but, is lacking required bushes.

At the time of submittal for building permits the project will need to comply with all applicable provisions of the landscape code, IBC and TAS.

### **Planning and Inspections Department - Land Development**

1. No objections to the special permit and detailed site development plan.

2. Approval of the site plans by CPC constitutes a determination that the applicant is in compliance with the minimum provisions. Applicant is responsible for the adequacy of such plans, insuring that storm-water is in compliance with ordinances, codes, DSC, and DDM. Failure to comply may require the applicant to seek re-approval of the site plans from CPC.

### **Fire Department**

Recommend approval.

### **Sun Metro**

No comments received.

### **El Paso Water Utilities**

1. EPWater does not object to this request.

Water:

2. There is an existing 6-inch diameter water main extending along the north side of Magdalena Ave., approximately 8-feet south of and parallel to the northern right-of-way line of Magdalena Ave. This water main is available for service.

3. EPWU records indicate a vacant water service connection (inactive meter) serving the subject property. The address for this service is 3469 Magdalena Ave.

4. Previous water pressure from fire hydrant #1439 located at the southwest corner of Magdalena Ave. and Hillside Dr., has yielded a static pressure of 82 psi, a residual pressure of 64 psi, and a discharge of 787 gallons per minute.

Sanitary Sewer:

5. There is an existing 8-inch diameter sanitary sewer main extending along the south side of Magdalena Ave., approximately 12.5-feet north of and parallel to the southern right-of-way line of Magdalena Ave. This sanitary sewer main is available for service.

6. There are an existing 36-inch diameter dual force mains extending along the center line of Magdalena Ave. No direct service connections are allowed to this force mains.

General:

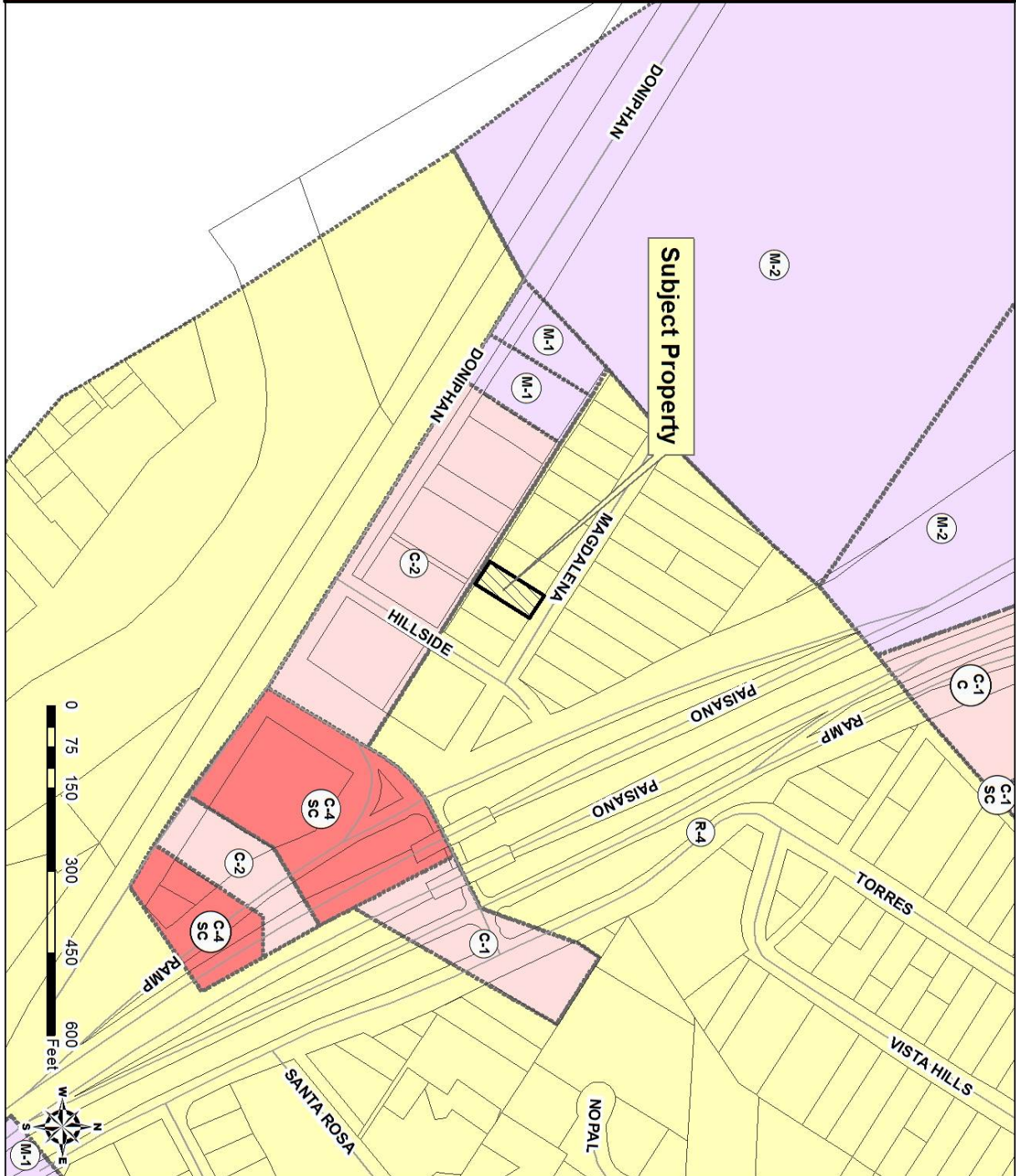
7. EPWater requires a new service application to provide additional services to the property. New service applications are available at 1154 Hawkins, 3rd floor and should be made 6 to 8 weeks in advance of construction to ensure water for construction work. A site plan, utility plan, grading and drainage plans, landscaping plan, the legal description of the property and a certificate-of-compliance are required at the time of application. Service will be provided in accordance with the current EPWater Rules and Regulations. The applicant is responsible for the costs of any necessary on-site and off-site extensions, relocations or adjustments of water and sanitary sewer lines and appurtenances.

### **Attachments**

1. Zoning Map
2. Aerial Map
3. Future Land Use Map
4. Detailed Site Development Plan

ATTACHMENT 1: ZONING MAP

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ATTACHMENT 2: AERIAL MAP

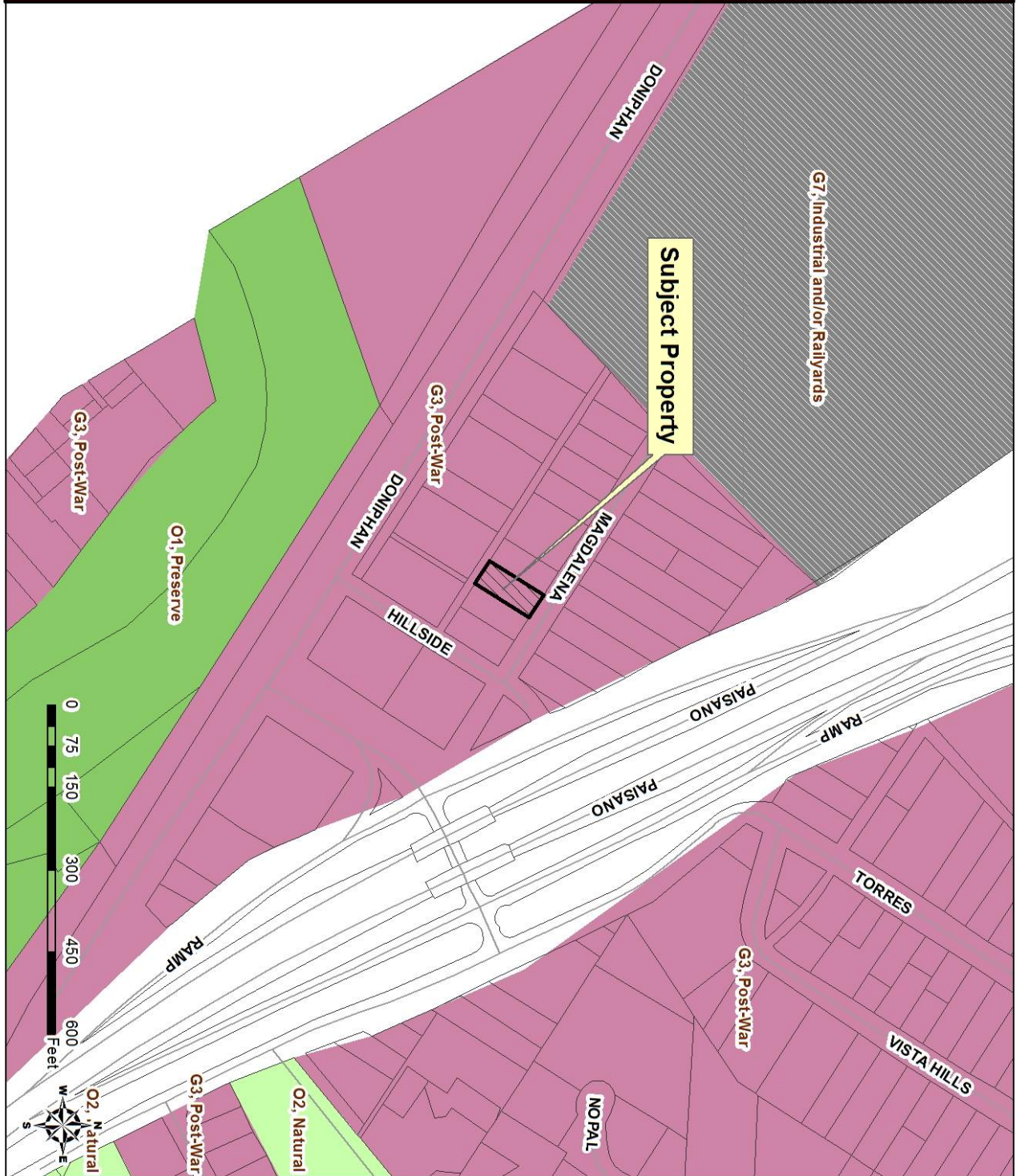
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ATTACHMENT 3: FUTURE LAND USE MAP

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# **ATTACHMENT 4: DETAILED SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

